

Columbia Junior High School
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The Setting

Fife School District is located east of the city of Tacoma in the Puyallup Valley. The district is about 10 square miles and falls in both Pierce and King Counties of Washington State. The district includes two cities—Fife, with a population of 9000, and Milton, with a population of 7000. The district also includes the unincorporated areas of Trout Lake, Jovita, Fife Heights, and part of the City of Edgewood. A portion of the Port of Tacoma is also included in the district. There is easy access to the district from the Fife/Milton Exit #137 off Interstate 5 between Seattle and Tacoma. The drive to Tacoma is about 5 minutes, to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport is about 20 minutes, and to Seattle about 30 minutes.

Fife School District Mission

The mission of Fife Public Schools is to provide an engaging and safe environment where learning is linked to life.

Performance Report 2015-2016

This report profiles the characteristics of Columbia Junior High School and Fife School District students, staff, services, and facilities.

Columbia Junior High School serves grades 8-9. The Fife School District is comprised of six schools: Fife High, Columbia Junior High, Surprise Lake Middle School, Hedden Elementary, Endeavour Intermediate and Discovery Primary.

Surprise Lake Middle, Hedden Elementary, Endeavour Intermediate and Discovery Primary. The total student population is 3,460 students and district growth is about 2% annually.

We provide a strong basic skills program for all students, enhanced by offerings in technology and special education. We rely on the cooperative efforts of a dedicated staff, involved families, and a supportive community to serve our students' range of educational needs.

COLUMBIA JUNIOR HIGH BELIEFS

- Teachers are leaders and inventors.
- Teachers lead students to do well and be successful in the work they undertake.
- One of the primary tasks of teachers is to invent work for students with which they engage and from which they learn what it is intended that they learn.
- Our students are volunteers, and what they have to volunteer is their attention and commitment.
- Differences in student commitment and student attention produce differences in student engagement.
- Differences in the level and type of engagement affect directly the effort students expend on school - related tasks, and effort affects learning outcomes at least as much as intellectual ability does.
- The level and type of engagement from student will vary depending on the qualities teachers, as inventors, build into the work they provide students, and teachers can directly affect student learning through the invention of work that has those qualities that are the most engaging to students.

Curriculum and Class Size

The student to teacher ratio in 2015-2016 was about **21 to 1**. Only a limited number of individual classes were greater than 30 students. Complete information concerning course requirements, curriculum departments, specific classes, and related topics can be found in the Columbia Junior High School *Curriculum Guide*. Provided to all students each year and is available at the building.

Some Special Accomplishments in 2015-2016

- Visit from Holocaust Survivor Peter Metzelaar
- The play Alice in Wonderland is presented
- ASB Walk A Thon
- Jr. Honor Society Induction
- ASB Spring Food Drive
- ASB Coin Drive for local Food Bank
- Art Club
- Chess Club
- CUB = Cougar's Using Books
- Cougar Technology Student Association (CTSA)
- CTSA attended TSA State & National Competitions
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- FBLA students attended State & National Competitions
- Fife School District Art Show
- FBLA Make A Wish Fun Run
- Fife School District Science & Technology Showcase
- Marching Band participated in the Grand Daffodil Parade of Puyallup
- Marching Band participated in the Junior Apple Parade of Wenatchee
- Select Choir; League Contest
- Student of the Quarter recognition breakfast
- Wind Ensemble/Select Choir; tour to Oregon
- Cougar Awards Evening Presentation—June
- CJH Teacher of the Year; Mrs. Bradley
- CJH Classified Employee of the Year; Mrs. March

Our Students

Ethnicity	%
American Indian	.7
Asian	9.7
Black	3.3
Hispanic	17.6
Multi Racial	12.1
Native Hawaiian	3.1
White	53.4
*Above reflects ethnicity per State data requirements	
Gender	#
Female	257
Male	288

Our Staff

Certificated	Number
Administrators	2
Classroom Teachers	31
Counselor	1
Librarian	1
Nurse	1
Psychologist	1
Classified	
Custodial Staff	3
Para Educations	7
Office	2
Food Service Workers	5
Total	54

Staff Ethnicity	%
American Indian/Alaska Native	2%
Asian	2%
Black	2%
Hispanic	9%
White	85%
Staff Gender	%
Female	61%
Male	39%

Financial Resources District		
District Budget		
Per Pupil Expenditures for 2014-2015		
Total K-12 full time students including Vocational/Secondary		3346.85
	Total Amount	Per Pupil
Certificated Staff	\$ 21,501,921	\$ 6,424.52
Classified Staff	\$ 8,326,904	\$ 2,487.98
Extra-Curricular	\$ 900,879	\$ 269.17
Transportation	\$ 1,772,605	\$ 529.63
Instructional Support	\$ 3,966,142	\$ 1,034.95
TOTAL	\$ 35,966,142	\$ 10,764 .00

Financial Resources Building	
Junior School Budget 2014-2015	
Building Budget	\$100,064.00
Building Expenditures	
Instructional Support	66%
Library	4%
Support Services	30%

Instructional Support: Pays for items directly related to classroom instruction, including books and other supplies.

Library: Pays for books, magazines, audio/visual materials, and supplies.

Support Services: Pays for general office supplies, reproduction/copy costs, mailing, general teacher supply needs, and includes counseling, office and contractual cost.

CJH 2014-15 SAB / MSP Results

GRADE 8	
SBA ELA	57.8 %
SBA Math	38.2 %
MSP Science	62.1 %

Attendance Rates 2015-2016

The average daily attendance rate for Columbia Junior High during the 2015-2016 school year was 92 %

New Enrollment / Withdrawal 2015-2016

80 new students enrolled at CJH during 2015-2016 school year.
42 students withdrew from CH during 2015-2016

Involvement Opportunities

Education is truly a cooperative effort among parents, students, staff, and the community. Your support and help are appreciated.

- If your business is interested in a school/business partnership, contact the Superintendent's Office at 253-517-1000.
- We encourage family members to join a Booster Club. These parents organizations are very active in many school projects. Fife High School has an active Fife High Booster Club and Music Booster Club.
- If you are interested in volunteering at one of the district schools, please contact the principal's office. All volunteers are required to complete a Washington State Patrol background check.

District Non-Discrimination Statement

Fife School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Title IX Coordinator, Ben Ramirez, Assistant Superintendent: bramirez@fifeschools.com. Section 504/ADA Coordinator, Nancy Fitta, Director of Special Programs: nfitta@fifeschools.com Fife Public Schools: 5802 20th St. E., Tacoma, WA 98424, [253.517.1000](tel:253.517.1000).

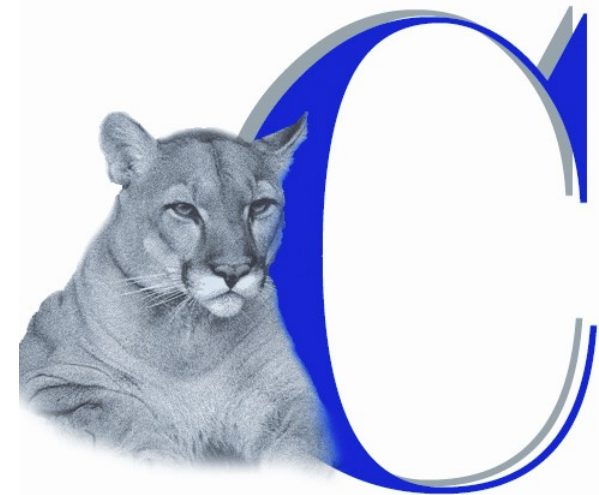
Cougar Code

AT COLUMBIA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

- Everyone will be welcome, respected, and safe.
- Everyone will be treated fairly and with consistency.
- We believe in high expectations for behavior and academics.
- Each staff member will dress and conduct him/herself as a professional educator.
- Each student will dress and conduct her/himself as a young adult learner.
- We are Columbia's first caretakers and it is our responsibility to pass it along to the next generation of students and staff. We will take excellent care of our new school.

Facility Information

CJH opened in September, 2003, as a brand new junior high school. Our facilities include a state of the art Performing Arts Center, several technology labs, 3 full wireless laptop labs, two gyms, and extensive, park-like grounds, including lit baseball, fast pitch, and football fields.



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**Grades 8 - 9
2015-2016**

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